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similarity that SEQ ID NO: 7 was used to isolate SEQ ID NO: 24. Please see page 23, example 22. Hence, there is shared structural similarities.

The data in the application also support shared properties, such as the ability to activate STAT 3. Hence, there is shared function as well.

In view of this, the restriction between Groups I and III should be withdrawn.

AMENDMENT

Further to the remarks, supra, please replace claim 1 by the following:

B Sub 3
Claim 1: An isolated nucleic acid molecule which encodes a T cell inducible factor which activates STAT 3, the complementary sequence of which hybridizes, under stringent conditions, to at least one of SEQ ID NO: 7, SEQ ID NO: 8, SEQ ID NO: 24 or SEQ ID NO: 25.

Add claim 50 as follows:

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Claim 50: The isolated nucleic acid molecule of claim 1, wherein said T cell inducible factor which activates STAT 3, has a molecule weight of from about 17 to about 30 kilodaltons, as determined by SDS-PAGE.

REMARKS

Entry of the amendment is requested. A showing of changes accompanies these papers.

Respectfully submitted,

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SHOWING OF CHANGES

Claim 1: (Amended) An isolated nucleic acid molecule which encodes a T cell inducible factor which activates STAT 3, the complementary sequence of which hybridizes, under stringent conditions, to at least one of SEQ ID NO: 7, SEQ ID NO: 8, [SEQ ID NO: 9, SEQ ID NO: 29] SEQ ID NO: 24 or SEQ ID NO: 25.

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